

TO THE SENATE

AND

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Of the United States, in Congress assembled.

The Memorial of the President and Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your Memorialists are engaged in the construction of a Rail Road, with at least two sets of Tracks, from the City of Baltimore to the Ohio River, upon which they have been actively employed a little more than one year, and have nearly completed the graduation and masonry, for about twenty-six miles, including, as your Memorialists confidently believe, the most expensive and difficult part of the entire line. Upon about three miles of this, a Rail Way has been laid down.

The necessary acts of Incorporation have been obtained from the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia, vesting your Memorialists with most ample powers to conduct the Road through those States, and affording to them every requisite protection and security.

Stock to the amount of three Millions of Dollars has been subscribed by individuals, and to the amount of one Million of Dollars by the State of Maryland and City of Baltimore, constituting a Capital of Four Millions of Dollars, upon which 15 per cent., or 600,000 has been received: the instalments being all paid, upon every share of Stock belonging either to the public, or individual Stockholders.

The entire district between the City of Baltimore and the Ohio River, has been examined, and it has been most satisfactorily ascertained, that the intermediate country affords such great facilities for the construction of the proposed Road, as to render its completion not only certainly practicable, but far less difficult than was at first supposed; and an actual location of its eastern section has been made, extending from Baltimore to the Valley of the Potomac, a distance of about 66 miles. Along this line a route for the Road has been secured, which, with the